

Finance Committee Minutes
November 10, 2011

The committee was called to order at 7:03pm with the following present: E. Zukauskas, B. Hattendorf, B. Imberman and D. Herrick.

The minutes of the last meeting were waived as Prue was away.

Tara was asked to take minutes in Prue's absence.

The committee received a resignation letter from Bill Dowling. Bill has moved to Sheffield. The letter was accepted with regret and a thank you letter for his service on the committee will be sent to Bill.

The committee will have a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen on Monday, November 21st at 6:30pm to discuss the interim appointment of Ira Yohalem on the committee. A copy of the letter submitted was distributed to the committee for review.

A budget spreadsheet for 2013 was handed out which lists all the accounts that appropriations will need to be made in the upcoming budget process. Budgets are due in on December 1st.

The committee proceeded to discuss the Special Town Meeting that will be held on November 28th at 7:00pm. Article 1 deals with the shortfall in the budget for the SBRSD of \$100,000, Article 2 decreases the Insurance Account appropriation by \$5,000, Article 3 requests \$1000 for the Cemetery Mapping from free cash, Article 4 reduces the tax rate by \$20,000 from free cash, Article 5 deals with the purchase from the Stabilization Fund of \$45,000 for the purchase of a new cruiser and Article 6 accepts gifts and donations to be used for the New Marlborough Ladder Sign Account. All articles except #5 were approved by the committee. The committee could not come to a consensus on Article 5. The estimated repair costs of the current cruiser are \$6000-\$7000. A new cruiser would not be available for at least 3 months and the amount that would have to go into repairs of the present cruiser until that time were unknown. There was also concern about a capital purchase being done at a STM. Tara indicated that the reason for this is that the Chief of Police came to the Board of Selectmen and indicated that the current cruiser was "dangerous" and would have to be parked if not fixed quickly.

With all business concluded, the committee adjourned at 8:00pm.

Submitted by:

Tara White
Acting Secretary